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**Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items in the Possession of the Portland Art Museum.**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 of the intent to repatriate cultural items in the possession of the Portland Art Museum that meet the definitions of "sacred object" and "object of cultural patrimony" under Section 2 of the act.

The cultural items consist of one large and three smaller carved wooden objects and a sea shell necklace. The large wooden object measures 29 3/8" long by 2 3/4" diameter. The three smaller carved wooden objects range from 5-7" long. All four wooden objects are carved with various designs. The shell necklace measures approximately 6" diameter and consists of ten sea shells strung on beige colored string. These cultural items were initially loaned to the Portland Art Museum in 1987 and were subsequently donated to the Museum in 1992. The original museum listing describes the objects as "Figure, Zuni, 1850."

The form of the cultural items and their apparent source lead the Museum to believe they are of Zuni origin, and most likely represent a Zuni War God and related cultural patrimony. Copies of museum records and photographs of the objects have been provided to the Head Councilman, the Tribal Council, and the Elder Bow Priest of the Pueblo of Zuni. Authorized representatives of the Pueblo of Zuni have viewed photographs of the objects and concur with the identification of the objects as a Zuni War God and related cultural patrimony. The Pueblo of Zuni has requested repatriation of the objects from the Portland Art Museum in a letter dated September 29, 1992. The Portland Art Museum has no objection.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these cultural items should contact Paul Faulstich, Curator of Native American Art, Portland Art Museum, 1219 SW Park Avenue, Portland Oregon 97205, telephone: (503) 226-2811 before July 29, 1993. Repatriation of the cultural items to the Pueblo of Zuni may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

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